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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 16, 19, 20, 24-27, 29, 32 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-15, 17, 18, 21-23, 28, 30 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08132004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

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The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 16, 19, 20, 24-27, 29, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Funato (USP-6,618,344).

Regarding claim 1, Funato discloses an optical pickup device (see figure 10), comprising: a light source (1' or 2') that emits a light beam; a holographic optical element 90 (see figures 11-15) having a birefringence medium 93 and an isotropy medium 94, for adjusting an optical route of the light beam according to a polarization direction and wavelength of an incident beam; and an objective lens 6 for focusing the light beam coming through the holographic optical element 90 into an optical disk in response to a wavelength of the light beam.


Regarding claims 16, 19, 20, 24-27, 29, 32 and 33, Funato discloses an optical pickup device (see figure 10), comprising: a light source (1' & 2') that emits a light beam having a first predetermined wavelength; a holographic optical element 90 (see figures 11-15) having a birefringence medium 93 and an isotropy medium 94, for adjusting an optical route of the light beam according to a polarization direction and wavelength, wherein the isotropy medium has first and second isotropy refractive indexes n_1 , and the birefringence medium has first and second ordinary refractive indexes and first and second extraordinary refractive indexes in response to the wavelength of the first light beam (see figure 15); and an objective lens 6 for focusing the light beam coming through the holographic optical element 90 into an optical disk in response to a wavelength of the light beam.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Yamamoto et al discloses an optical pickup device including a holographic optical element.

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Claims 2-15, 17, 18, 21-23, 28, 30 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Paul Huber at telephone number 703-308-1549.


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